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SUBJECT: BOSCH RESPONDS TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER

REF: (A) SD-1000, (B) SD-0976, (C) SD-0970

1. JUAN BOSCH CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 4 TO RESPOND TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S LABELLING OF HIM AS "MARXIST-LENINIST" (REF. A). BOSCH STATED THAT "I CAN BE DESCRIBED AS A MARXIST BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN MARXISM AND I BELIEVE IN SOCIALISM, BUT I CANNOT BE DESCRIBED AS A MARXIST-LENINIST OR A MARXIST-MAOIST."

2. HE CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENT HAD ACCUSED HIM OF BEING MARXIST-LENINIST FOR TWO REASONS: BECAUSE HE NEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE TO LARGE LANDOWNERS THAT IT WAS BOSCH NOT BALAGUER WHO WAS THE COMMUNIST (LANDOWNERS' REPRESENTATIVE LUIS JULIAN PEREZ RECENTLY HAD LABELLED BALAGUER'S AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AS TYPICAL OF COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT -- REF. B) AND BECAUSE BALAGUER WAS HURT BY BOSCH'S NOMINATION OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, AND NOT BALAGUER, FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE (REF. C).

3. COMMENT: SINCE HIS MARCH 1 RETURN TO DOMREP, BOSCH HAS MADE HEADLINES DAILY, MORE AN INDICATION OF PAUCITY OF POLITICALLY
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INTERESTING EVENTS THAN OF EX-PRESIDENT'S IMPORTANCE.

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BOSCH'S PUBLIC ADMISSION THAT HE IS MARXIST WILL MAKE IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF POWERFUL CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED HIM. IN PARTICULAR, DOMINICAN MILITARY, WHICH HAS LONG SUSPECTED HIM OF BEING A "COMMUNIST," CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE MORE ADAMANTLY OPPOSED THAN EVER TO HIS RETURNING TO POWER.
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